

This is another example of big corporate media interfering with the democratic process. As a Californian, I want to have more input on the license renewal process. It is completely unfair that one entity can have so much influence without showing dissenting views at such a crucial time. I want the radio and tv I watch to reflect the views of real people, not a powerful company that is abusing their influence. We must allow our voices to at least compete with corporate voices who do not represent my community. I am unable to find a media forum that does reflect my views at all. I deserve to be represented as well, whether I have 325,000 to contribute or not. This is truly a disturbing trend, It is impossible to claim that we live in a democracy with so much influence being wielded by one corporate entity.

Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas is yet another example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

Localism is not served when a corporate headquarters decides to provide one side in local elections a louder voice than others. During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate -- not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard. Thank you.